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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Information Science Training

REFERENCE : Memo to ExDir from DD/S dtd 5 Jul 72

1. In response to your request for guidance, I believe the following should be accepted as the guideline:

a. CIA should plan to operate an information science training program for CIA personnel only. We are not required to conduct a community service, and there are certain very distinct benefits in having an in-house operation which can be focused more on our particular needs.

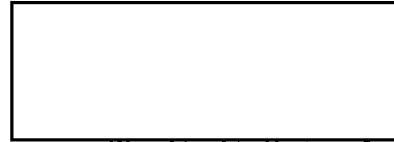
b. Since this is an individual CIA activity, I see no need to involve the PFIAB at this stage, since it was DIA which terminated the community effort. Further, the PFIAB requirement was levied in 1965, at a time when information science capabilities were considerably less than they are in 1972.

c. The basic thrust of our program should be to familiarize a rather broad spectrum of our analyst, administrative, and operating personnel with techniques of information science which can make a direct contribution to the performance of their duties. I would hope, for instance, that you would indeed incorporate some actual machine handling into some of your other courses. I do not believe you need to go in for the highly specialized technician-level training, as I suspect to the extent this is necessary we can exploit industry or academic training capabilities.

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2. With respect to the amount of investment we should make in this effort (whether to react or go for business), I would appreciate your contacting potential customers for an estimate of their interest in use, following which we can better make some overall judgments as to the total investment needed.

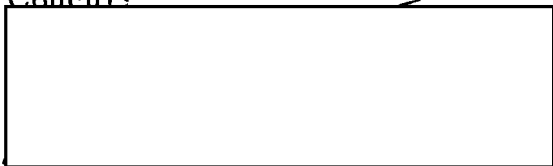


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

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Bill :

The attached paper raises one of the issues which must be settled en route to sizing the over-all information sciences training program. I believe that for FY 73 we are obligated to take such students as other USIB member agencies desire to propose for the courses run by our people at the DIS facilities, limited of course by the numbers the staffing will permit. I shouldn't think, based on past experience while DIS was running the program that the student load would exceed program and faculty capabilities.

FY 74 and beyond poses a different problem. The program we proposed was not approved at the original level or any others we suggested. We are looking to identify Agency requirements but we need answers:

a. Should we contemplate any non-CIA students in FY 74? If not, do USIB agencies have to receive additional notification? Does PFIAB have to be informed of the changes - by special notice or in the Director's annual report?

b. At what level should we try to peg the Agency program for FY 74 and beyond - general education for familiarization only for a broad population incorporated into existing other OTR courses or expanded technical applications training for actual and potential users. Should we react or go for business? The amount which was left in the FY 74 program will not accommodate expanded technical applications training. We have to work more on requirements but a posture indication from you would be helpful to that effort.

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